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SUBJECT: TERRORIST ATTACK IN ISTANBUL AND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SECURITY

1. RECENT TERRORISTS ATTACK IN TRANSIT LOUNGE AT ISTANBUL AIRPORT, WHICH RESULTED IN FOUR DEATHS INCLUDING ONE AMERICAN CITIZEN, POINTS UP AGAIN CRITICAL NEED FOR ADEQUATE SECURITY MEASURES AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS, PARTICULARLY IN TRANSIT FACILITIES, AROUND THE WORLD.

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2. UNLESS OBJECTION PERCEIVED, POSTS SHOULD APPROACH APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVELS OF HOST GOVERNMENTS TO EMPHASIZE USG CONCERN REGARDING INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SECURITY AND URGE THAT THEY REDOUBLE EFFORTS TO INSURE THAT SECURITY MEASURES ARE THOROUGH AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ICAO STANDARDS AND RECOMMENDED PRACTICES OUTLINED IN ANNEX 17 (SECURITY) TO CHICAGO CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION. IF HOST GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET RATIFIED 1970 HAGUE AND 1971 MONTREAL CONVENTIONS, IT SHOULD BE URGED TO DO SO.

3. REQUEST POSTS ALSO SUBMIT TO DEPT THEIR OWN FRANK IMPRESSIONS AND ASSESSMENTS OF AIRPORT SECURITY IN EFFECT AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS TRANSIT AREAS. SPECIFICALLY, IS IT POSSIBLE FOR UNSCREENED PERSONS

TO MINGLE WITH SCREENED PASSENGERS IN TRANSIT LOUNGES?

4. POSTS ARE REMINDED THAT FAA HAS A SECURITY TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE UNITED STATES AND ALSO HAS A LIMITED NUMBER OF SECURITY SPECIALISTS WHO MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS FOR ADVICE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON AIRPORT SECURITY PROCEDURES. IF POST CONSIDERS HOST GOVERNMENT AIRPORT SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS INADEQUATE AND BELIEVES HOST GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE RESPONSIVE TO OFFER OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, DEPT WILL DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES WITH FAA AND ADVISE POST ACCORDINGLY. IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT FAA FACILITIES ARE LIMITED AND IT MAY TAKE TIME TO ARRANGE ANY DESIRED TRAINING AND/OR VISITS BY FAA SECURITY SPECIALISTS TO THE FIELD. FYI. PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN THOSE COUNTRIES WHERE SECURITY PROCEDURES ARE MOST DEFICIENT AND WHERE RISK OF AN AIRCRAFT HIJACKING INVOLVING US INTEREST IS HIGHEST. END FYI.

5. FOR EE POSTS: POST MAY APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT ITS DISCRETION RE PARA. 2.

6. FOR PEKING AND VIENTIANE: POSTS SHOULD TAKE ACTION ON PARA. 3 ONLY. KISSINGER

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